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## FREE BOOKS.

The question of free books for the children who attend the public schools is right now before the people at large. Where the justice of this new bill comes in we fail to see, even with the aid of a microscope. So much can be said against the bill and so little in its favor that we might let the subject pass unnoticed were it not for the wrong which it would inflict on the citizens of this section were it to become a law. That those who are sending their children to private schools and are paying a double tax now should be served with a third tax, by being compelled to pay for the books of children who are receiving a free education, would be monstrous unfairness to them. The right to existence of such a measure should be only the time necessary to look it over and throw it out. The law now provides books for such children as can not purchase them, and is ample and sufficient for all purposes.

## LENT.

The season of penance is fast approaching, too fast for most of us. Usually the prices asked for certain forms of food advance for the time being with a noticeable decline immediately following Easter. But as all kinds of food, including meats, are this year commanding stiffer prices than at any time in the history of the market during many years, there is a sort of grim pleasure in realizing that these prices may not go any higher if the merchants wish to make any sales. The absence of meat alone from the workman's table is no small hardship. Hence the church with a broad solicitude has of late years arranged this detail in such a manner that the misery of its almost total banishment is considerably lessened from what it was many years ago. The admonition to "do penance" is observed in many ways, but abstinence from legitimate food and drink has been in force in the church since the days of the Messiah. In olden times under the Mosaic law the Jews observed the days of fast and prayer more rigorously than do the followers of the gentle Saviour. We read that with their faces turned towards the great temple at Jerusalem they clothed themselves with sackcloth and strewed their heads with ashes. Food nor drink they partook not of during their days of penance. The penitential orders of the church have severe rulings in this matter. The Cistercians, Carthusians, Benedictines, and even the orders for women take on an extra number of prayers and self-denials than enter into their usually hard every day life of the year round. When these orders consider the problem of salvation as of such a serious nature, we who are busy with the affairs of a material world should humbly follow in their wake and remember the admonition given us by our mother Church on Ash Wednesday next, "Remember, man, thou art but dust."

## APPALLING DESTRUCTION.

On the heels of the Iroquois disaster to human life at Chicago comes the most appalling destruction to property that has occurred in this country since the Chicago conflagration of 1871. Amid all its terrors and immense losses, wrecked business houses, banks, and stores of all description, not a Catholic church was burned. One Episcopal church was destroyed,

one with which the late venerable Bishop Dudley was connected some years ago. The Catholic reading public throughout the country has felt general apprehension for the safety of church property during the terrific conflagration. The headquarters of the oldest see in America, Baltimore has been a bishopric since 1890. There the illustrious prelate, Archbishop Carroll, watched over the Catholic interests in the then new country, and from its pulpits have the most noted clergymen of the times preached. Anxiety for the safety of church property has been mingled with sorrow for the immense loss sustained by business men, whose plants were entirely swept away by the all devouring fire. A bill to appropriate \$1,000,000 for a relief fund was introduced in Congress last Monday while yet the fire was at its greatest heat. Now that nearly eighteen hours more were given up to the ravages of the conflagration, the bill will pass and be some help to the sufferers. Undoubtedly the whole country will aid in swelling the amount when the enormous loss of \$175,000,000 is considered. The firemen's bravery, without a single exception, is commented on. Mayor McLane received scores of telegrams from every section of the Union containing generous proffers of assistance. The good that dwells in men's hearts comes to the top on such occasions, and doubtless a great amount of unsuspected aid will yet gladden those who have undergone the ordeal of fire. And all Christians rejoice that but one life was lost and the number of injured was surprisingly small. Our Fire Chief, Fillmore Tyson, and Capt. Harry Brown left this city Monday last for Baltimore and saw something of the fire. Acting Mayor Barth did what hundreds of other Mayors all over the land have done—sent a telegram expressing sympathy and offering assistance in the name of the citizens of Louisville.

Judge Martin J. Wade, of Iowa City, Iowa's sole Democratic member of Congress, has been asked permission to use his name for the Vice Presidency. Prominent Eastern Democrats have expressed the belief that Judge Wade will make an excellent running mate for whatever candidate may be nominated for the Presidency. His splendid campaigning ability and his sound position along the lines of Democratic policy which will be the issues of the coming campaign are being used as potent arguments in his favor. Judge Wade is a Catholic and has long been prominent in the affairs of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus in the West.

The proposed bill for free school books means another \$500,000 for our already heavily burdened taxpayers. Will the School Trustees tell the public who is behind this scheme, for scheme or graft it must be, as there has been no demand for such an obnoxious law.

The fight between the Louisville Gas Company and the Kentucky Heating Company gives promise of being of some benefit to the public. It is rumored that the former will enter the fields of Meade county and sell fuel gas here for forty cents per 1,000 feet.

The Kentucky Irish American and Catholic readers generally are rejoiced that the Rev. Louis G. Deppen, who was critically ill, has sufficiently recovered to again give his valuable services to the Record.

## SOCIETY.

Miss Violet Preston was last week the guest of the Misses Lear at Lancaster.

Mrs. Nellie Hooge has returned from Bardonia, where she was the guest of Mrs. Ben Talbott.

Miss Mattie McElroy has returned to her home at Lebanon, after a pleasant visit with friends here.

Miss Emma Whallen, of 605 Fifth street, is recovering from a prolonged attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. George R. Newman has had as her guest Miss Frances Campbell, popular in the society circles of Hopkinsville.

Miss Eleanor Simpson left Sunday for Nashville, where she joined a party of friends bound for the Mardi Gras festivities at New Orleans.

Mrs. M. A. Wathen, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. G. F. Meehan, of Chattanooga, left Monday to be members of a house party at Lebanon.

Miss Alice Dugan, who was the charming guest of Mrs. W. A. Thomas, in South Louisville, left the first of the week for her home at Bardonia.

Miss Elma Archer was the guest of honor at a largely attended card party given by her sister, Mrs. Shirley Clore, whom she was visiting at Henderson.

Dr. Phil Beutel was here visiting friends this week. For the past year he has been at the head of a big Indiana sanitarium and has met with most gratifying success.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Malone are rejoiced that their bright young son, Master William, is on the road to recovery, after a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Mary E. Keyer and Masters Martin and Thomas have gone South and will attend the New Orleans Mardi Gras next week while King Rex is holding carnival there.

The many friends of President Stephen Smith, of the Caron Directory Company, are pleased to see him out again after a ten days' illness, that for a time it was thought would develop typhoid fever.

Martin Dugan, the main street printer, and State Barber Commissioner Rautenbusch have been celebrating this week, but in honor of different girls who have come to brighten their respective homes.

Mrs. William Barry and little son Watts, of Kansas City, Mo., are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Michael Barry, 633 West St. Catherine street. They will remain here until the arrival of Mr. Barry, about March 1.

Theodore McCrory, the well known Louisville & Nashville clerk, has another fine boy at his home, on Thirteenth street. The little fellow is a chip off the old block and already attracts much attention in his immediate neighborhood.

City Court Bailiff William Bosler left Monday night with Mrs. Bosler for the Mardi Gras carnival in New Orleans. They will remain away all next week, and the duties of the office are being cared for by Deputy Bailiff Mike Tynan.

Misses Katie Coleman and Mollie McCarthy, both well known in social circles, were the hostesses at a delightful reception to a number of their intimate friends this week. An elegant luncheon was heartily enjoyed and the evening was one of real enjoyment.

Misses Helena and Elizabeth Curtin have returned to their home in New York after a short visit with friends in this city. The young ladies came here from Bowling Green, where they spent three weeks as the guests of Rev. Father Hayes, pastor of St. Joseph's church.

The friends of Mrs. Mary Pfanz, the aged mother of Jailer John R. Pfanz, were greatly alarmed and watched by her bedside Thursday night. She caught cold recently that turned into the grip, and this so weakened her that her condition became such as to alarm her physicians and relatives.

Miss Frances Newman, the pretty and accomplished little daughter of Col. Scott Newman, was one of a party of eight that left Wednesday night over the Louisville & Nashville for New Orleans, chaperoned by Mrs. R. L. Clark and her daughter. They will witness the Mardi Gras festivities and be gone about two weeks.

Misses Maggie Flynn and Rose Conroy left last night for New Orleans, where they will spend a week as the guests of Miss Flynn's brother, John Flynn, with the Illinois Central railroad office there. While there the young ladies will attend the great Mardi Gras ball and other functions preceding the beginning of the Lenten season.

Charles Raidy, of the Postoffice department, left Wednesday evening with his mother and sisters for a two weeks' trip to New Orleans. While there they will visit Rev. Father Ryan, President of St. Stephen's College, and Charles Ulrich. Mr. Raidy's uncle, who was for many years connected with the New York Store in this city.

Not for a long time has society in this city had the pleasure of an Oriental or pink tea. Therefore many will be delighted to learn that the Oriental Benevolent Club will give such a tea at the Catholic Woman's Club, beginning Saturday evening and concluding Tuesday night. Besides there will be valentine parties and other amusements. The club is composed of some of our best known Catholic women, the proceeds will be devoted to worthy purposes, and the tea should therefore be a social and financial success.

Friends of Miss Mary Delaney gave her a most delightful surprise party on the occasion of her thirteenth birthday at the home of her parents on Churchill street last Wednesday evening. Those present were Misses Clara Belle O'Connor, Mary Clines, Agnes Hyland, Nellie Hanley, Mary Kinney, Mary Delaney, Agnes Delaney, Julia O'Malley, Anna Clarke, Clara Pike, Leona Blair, Lottie Blair, Mary Rodenberg; Masters John Conniff, Grover Wagenet, Albert Wagenet, George Vonsich, Frank Carnes, Turner McIntyre, John O'Brien, Taylor McDowell, Phillip Monahan, John Huff, Mrs. E. Huff, Mr. and Mrs. George Blair.

Miss Marie McBride entertained a few of her friends at her home Wednesday evening. The features of the evening were dancing, vocal and instrumental music. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Charlton, Misses Adelina Gerardi, Mamie Gatto, Helen Gordon, Katie Morris, Mary Cassidy, Teresa Gerardi, Lillie Schulte, Margaret Gordon, Julia West, Reuff, Lulu Gatto, Marie McBride, and Messrs. Frank Ryan, Len Willet, Henry Schulte, Joe Reuff, Joseph Moran, Eugene Graft, George Broadback, John Prill, Harry Bowhart, Walter Schrader, Arthur Erasme, Roy McKendrick, Henry Reuff, Charles West, Arthur Schulte, Henry McBride and Will Cassidy.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Brennan and Mr. Richard T. Foreman took place Wednesday afternoon at St. Mary Magdalene church. The ushers were Johnson Allen, of Bardonia, Thomas Martin, Harry Murray and James Marata, of this city. Miss Brennan was maid of honor. Miss Anna L. Atkinson was the soloist. Mrs. Fred Harig rendered the musical program, which was perfect from the beginning to the close of the ceremony. Miss Brennan looked beautiful in her bridal gown of white, and Mr. Foreman was at his best, as was to be expected. After the ceremony, which was one of the most beautiful that has occurred at St. Mary Magdalene's church for some time, Mr. and Mrs. Foreman left for a short trip. On their return home they will go to housekeeping at 417 East Breckinridge street.

Misses Anna McGovern, Mary McGovern and Pearl Wyrock, three charming young ladies, entertained their friends with a euchre last Tuesday evening. After play refreshments in abundance were served and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Those present were Misses Pearl Wyrock, Mayme Keenan, May Mathison, Katie Weiman, Mamie King, Anna King, Freda Osterman, Maggie McGovern, Jennie Tate, Ada Tate, Maggie Flynn, Nellie Flynn, Anna McGovern, Mary McGovern, Margaret McGovern, and Messrs. Ed Mathison, W. Gillett, John Farrell, Thaddeus Peake, James Sheridan, Guy Nevin, John Reilly, H. Carmen, Will Herr, Joseph King, Louis Wyrock, Will Wyrock, John Cole, Will McGovern, James Huber. The prize winners were Misses Pearl Wyrock, Nellie Flynn, Mayme Keenan, Freda Osterman and Messrs. James Sheridan, John Farrell, Will McGovern and Ed Mathison.

## MINSTRELSY.

The annual minstrel show of Unity Council, Y. M. I., of New Albany, which took place at St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday night, was one of the best attended and most entertaining of the season. The hall was crowded by members of other councils and their friends, every one enjoying the fun. The jokes were new and sparkling with wit and good humor. The songs were excellent, the voices forming a splendid chorus. Fred P. Wootton, M. N. Sillings, Will Kerr and Thomas D. Clines were at their best. Chas. P. Hackett's songs contributed much pleasure to the audience. Tom Clines did good work in the place of Pete Miller, who could not attend, owing to sickness. Owen Cullivan and Will Kerr were inimitable as end men and kept the audience convulsed with laughter. Altogether the minstrels was one of the jolliest ever given by the council. It was attended by members of Mackin and Satoli Councils, forming a representative audience when the curtain rose. To Con McBaron is due the thanks of all for the especially good work done by him in arranging all the details of the show.

## VISITING OLD FRIENDS.

Attorney George E. Coll, a leading member of the Texas bar, arrived last Saturday from Galveston and has been spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Coll, and other relatives and friends in Jeffersonville. After serving a term as Prosecuting Attorney of Clark county he moved to the Lone Star State, where his ability and integrity at once secured for him a large and remunerative practice. His Irish-American friends in the Falls Cities are proud of his success and predict he will one day do honor to the ermine of the bench.

## NOT DECIDED YET.

There is every indication that St. Catherine's Academy and Convent, recently destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt this year. The citizens of Springfield have offered the Dominican Sisters a new site, but no decision has been arrived at as to just where the institution will be located. It is said the Mother Superior and the council have visited the different sites offered and are expected to soon make known the one selected.

## DANGER PASSED.

Patrolman Edward Connor and Driver Charles Baldwin, who sustained serious injuries last week, which it was feared might prove fatal, have passed the danger point. Their physicians report that they are doing nicely, though it will be some time before they will be able to resume their positions.

## MUSICAL RECITAL.

O'Connell Council, Y. M. I., of Bardonia, will give a musical recital at the Court House next Tuesday evening, which promises to be one of the society events of the season. Miss Edith Rubel, a talented musician of Lebanon, will

take the leading part. Judge Daugherty and Editor Cooney are doing excellent work for their splendid council, and every month new members are initiated.

## BECOMES LANDLORD.

Magistrate Joseph Keyer has purchased the St. Nicholas Hotel at Sixth and Court Place and will resign his office. This does not mean his retirement from politics, but it does mean a big difference in income. Constable Edward O'Connor seems the choice for the appointment to the vacancy. He is well qualified for the office, having been connected therewith for six years.

## RETURNS TO MEMPHIS.

Will Feans, who plays with the Memphis team this year, has left for that city. Harry Lally, another star player, has signed with the Memphis team. His resignation has been tendered the Cumberland Telephone Company, and he will leave about March 1. Memphis is fortunate in securing the services of these two reliable ball tossers.

## GENERAL MEETING.

A general meeting of all members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, ladies and gentlemen and their friends, has been called for Sunday evening, February 28, at Hibernian Hall, to arrange for the reception of Miss Maud MacCarthy, who appears at the Auditorium on Easter Monday night.

## RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Augustine Caito, the venerable mother of John B. Caito, 512 Preston street, died Tuesday morning at the age of seventy-seven. For many years she had been a devout member of St. Boniface church, from where the funeral took place Thursday morning with solemn mass of requiem for the repose of her soul.

Another of Louisville's oldest citizens, Francis Hardy, has answered the last call and now rests peacefully in St. Louis cemetery. He was the father of Messrs. John and William Hardy, the grocers, but on account of his great age had for several years led a rather secluded life. The funeral took place from St. Patrick's church and was largely attended.

Officer Mike Devanney has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in the death of his venerable mother, which occurred last Saturday. Mrs. Devanney had suffered for some time with bronchial trouble. She was a good woman and devoted mother. She was buried from St. Patrick's church last Monday morning, being interred in St. Louis cemetery.

Death's shadow cast an impenetrable gloom over the home of Michael and Annie Monahan last Sunday morning, when their little son John was released from earthly suffering after a short illness. This child was their idol, and in their grief the bereaved parents have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends. The funeral took place from the residence, 1806 Twelfth street, Monday afternoon, the remains being tenderly laid to rest in St. Louis cemetery.

John McDonald, well known in the East End, died Sunday morning at the home of his uncle, James McDonald, 923 Ballard street, a victim of dread pneumonia. Before his death he was employed as foreman by the Louisville Packing Company, and was popular with his superiors and fellow-employees. Tuesday morning the funeral took place from St. John's church, the sorrow over his untimely death being manifest to all. The deceased was twenty-nine years old and unmarried.

Patrick Donnelly, Sr., the venerable and respected father of Messrs. Patrick and Charles Donnelly, for nearly half a century a resident of the West End, died Thursday afternoon at the home of his son, 300 Seventeenth street. The deceased was a native of Ireland, but came to Louisville while a young man. A kind and indulgent father, and always ready to assist a friend or neighbor, his death is greatly mourned. Besides his two sons he leaves two daughters. His funeral takes place this morning from St. Patrick's church.

John W. Treager, the promising twelve-year-old son of Peter Treager, a well known employe of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, died Tuesday evening, after an illness of two weeks with heart trouble. The news of his death spread gloom among his wide circle of young friends, with whom he was a great favorite. Thursday morning the funeral took place from St. William's church, Rev. Father Murphy conducting the solemn obsequies and preaching a sermon upon the uncertainty of life that impressed the young and old present.

## HINTS ON STYLE.

Zibeline in many different qualities with just a fleck of white or covered with long white hairs is thought very smart and is trimmed with braid of the same color.

Among the silks and challies pretty grays, old blues, delightful reds, plum, cool-looking greens and the like are in evidence. Mixtures as yet lack any effect of boldness, being subdued rather than striking.

At the moment the fashion for trimming plain cloth and velvets with bands of fancy velvet, either embroidered on the velvet or in the brocade, is so popular as to stand in danger of being rather overdone.

Mohair makes up well in shirt waists. This material has almost taken the place of the flannel waist so long a favorite. Mohair has a dust shedding nature and a disposition against wrinkles that recommends it to the practical.

The popularity of the short coat showed itself pretty plainly during the past three months and all the fashion authorities predict its complete sway for the coming year. It is almost certain that the long, tight-fitting coat will be entirely passe in another six months.

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A touch of white on a dark gown is always effective, and even in the middle of winter dark cloth costumes with facings of white or trimmings in fancy black and white effects are noticeable as having a certain distinctive appearance that is most attractive.